

Staff Report

To: Mayor and Town Council

From: Tammi Ledley, Town Manager

CC: Public Works Superintendent, Public Works Assistant Superintendent, Police Chief, Police Lieutenant, and Town Hall Staff

Date: February 11, 2019

Re: February Staff Report

1. **Downtown Revitalization Project:** Town staff attended the eighteenth monthly partnering meeting on January 24th, 2019. In addition to our monthly meetings, Town staff meets with SHA's project manager and C.J. Miller's superintendent every Monday morning to discuss the Main Street project schedule and updates.

BGE has applied for the permit to drop electric for the lampposts in the section from North Woods Trail to Ralph Ave. Hopefully, the lampposts in this section of the northbound lane will be lit soon. The remaining lampposts on the southbound lane will be installed when the sidewalks are completed in the Spring.

BGE is continuing to install the high pressure gas line in section two, which is from Lower Beckleysville north to Rt 482. By the end of April, the gas line work is planned to be north of Rt 482. Gas service connections are currently being installed between the Fire Station and Rt 482. The gas line work is planned for completion this Spring, which will remove two crews from the construction area. Stormwater work is also occurring in section two.

2. **WWTP Groundbreaking:** The Town Manager attended the Hampstead Wastewater Treatment Plant Groundbreaking for the Enhanced Nutrient Removal (ENR) Upgrade Project. This project will bring the plant into compliance with MDE regulations but will not add capacity. The project cost is \$17.4 million dollars with approximately 50% funded by grants from Maryland's Bay Restoration Fund. This is a County project and will take approximately 2 ½ years to complete.
3. **Businesses:** Michael's Steak and Lobster House is intending to open in March. The owner of Bark and Bath in Robert Fields is retiring and closing her shop in March. The good news is that one of her employees will be opening a dog grooming business at 1023 South Main Street called A Country Pup Pet Spa.
4. **Business Expo:** The third annual Hampstead–Manchester Business & Community Expo is scheduled for Saturday, March 16th from 9am to 2pm. The Town will be hosting a table. The Hampstead Merchants Association (HMA) helps to plan and coordinate this event. The Town Manager represented the Town at the HMA meeting on January 15th.

5. **Meetings:** The Town Manager attended a Carroll County Downtowns meeting to participate in discussion about our Main Street booths at the annual MML conference and how to better market our downtowns. The Town Manager attended the County Commissioners meeting on January 24th to hear the discussion of a turf field at NCHS. She also attended the Carroll County delegation meeting on January 22nd along with Councilman Roark. We showed support for the bill where the delegation will request matching funds for a turf field at NCHS.